

## TAR SPRINGS AND THE CASTLE

Interesting Points of Cloverport

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From The Maroa (Ill.) News

"The earth is full of heaven,  
And every common bush afire with  
God."

Thus sang the poet and his song realizes itself at Tar Springs. These springs with their environs make one of the few remaining wonder-bursts of nature, where the hand of man has not, altogether, made of no estate the gratuity of God. This is another record of one of the freakish humors of nature of which Kentucky offers not a few. Edmonson county has its Mammoth Cave; Powell county its Natural Bridge; Breckitt county its "Pan-Handle," and other counties the curious and quaint, less widely known. Breckenridge county has its freak in Sinking Creek, a no mean stream that suddenly disappears underground, not to reappear for the distance of six miles. In Tar Springs this county has, also, an oddity unique among American singularities.

The Tar Springs are four miles from Cloverport, from which point they are reached. One journey from the city to the springs by carriage. Every step of the way is interesting. Cloverport is situated at the toe of a horseshoe bend made by the Ohio river. The main street runs along the river edge. One has a singularly fine view in two directions of the majestic Ohio. If you have aught of a capacity for the beautiful, you will abide here until you have satisfied your desire with the opulence of the sunset glory that turns the Ohio into a glassy sea, reflecting the gorgeous tints in the indescribably beautiful handiwork of the Master Artist. If you have any of the sportsmanlike eagerness of the antiquarian, you will learn the old traditions and thrilling heroics that spell out the bravery and fidelity of pioneer men and women in their struggle against steadfast forests, swift-footed animals and soul terrifying savages as never hath been writ in the history books.

The road leads one up and by "The Castle," where we are visiting and enjoying our vacation days so fully that they seem to fairly rush headlong with the dizzy speed of an uncontrolled, descending aeroplane. "The Castle"—thereby hangs a tale. "Before the war" and long before petroleum was discovered, an English syndicate discovered and developed a mine of pure cannel coal. This mine is situated a few miles in the interior from Cloverport. A railroad was built from the town to the mine. This was long before the present "Henderson Route" was built. All shipping was done by river. At Clo-

verport the company spent hundreds of thousands of dollars. They built great retorts where the cannel coal was reduced to its constituent elements, the primary one being an oil, which was shipped to England in barrels. This necessitated a barrel factory. The gas produced in the reduction of the coal was used for lighting the vast works. The piping used to conduct the gas to "The Castle" is still in the basement of the building.

The manager of this great undertaking was a Scotchman. He chose out the most advantageous location in the whole vicinity. This spot is a small plateau of four or five acres, with an elevation of about two hundred feet above the valley below, where the reducing works were located. The plateau terminates with an abrupt descent to the valley below. These "heights of hospitality" are covered with magnificent forest trees of oak, beech, elm, hickory, walnut and poplar. From the plateau one commands an entire view of the Ohio as it makes its great horseshoe bend, the valley and the highlands on the Indiana side.

On this spot, "the heart's desire of the artist," the Scotchman built the duplicate of a castle loved by him in his native "heath and heather." Its quaint old world architecture, its beautiful interior, its wonderful labyrinthine cellars and the unparalleled view which unfolds before one as you sit on the piazza makes this place noteworthy. Just as "The Castle" was being completed the builder was sent to another plant by the company and he never occupied it. It is said that he built another just like this one at his new location and as it was near or just completed, his wife died in the home-land and he never realized his ambition to bring his family to "The Castle" in the new world.

The war came, bringing all great works to a standstill, then petroleum was discovered, making obsolete this process, the mine was closed, the retorts fell into decay and were finally displaced to make room for the railroad shops that now occupy the land. There remains naught of the railroad but the roadbed.

"The Castle" remained unoccupied and fell into decay. A prominent Louisville family bought it and tore away a large part. Out of the material they built a summer home on the old site. Three years ago my sister's husband bought the place and moved here from Louisville.

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### Making Rugs Out Of Scraps.

For the sisters who wish to know how to make rugs from scraps of silk or velvet, we give the following: Cut the scraps in pieces or strips about two inches long; then sew them through the middle to a piece of heavy cloth about a yard and a half long. Make the center "hit and miss," of harmonious colors, then a stripe, if you have material suitable, then finish the border hit and miss. Commence in the middle and sew toward the outer edge.

Another way is to cut the pieces into strips about two inches wide, sew ends together as for carpet weaving, then put the ruffler on the sewing machine and gather, scant or full, through the middle of the strip, and sew these strips on a piece of heavy cloth the required width and length.

Another way is to cut into strips and sew as for carpet, and take to the weaver and have woven the required size. The cloth to which the scraps are sewed should be heavy enough to lie flat on the floor without curling up at the corners or ends.

For using up pieces of woollen dress goods, old or new, take in large pieces which you can shape to suit yourself, as well as the small pieces; have a foundation of heavy cloth and sew these pieces on as you would for a "crazy quilt," then work the seams with all harmonizing colors of carpet-chain. The pieces may be lined with cotton batting if liked, which gives them a raised look. Pieces of men's wear and heavy flannel make good rugs in this way, and they are serviceable.

A very handsome rug can be made by cutting all scraps into bias strips, an inch or two wide, sewing as for carpet rags, mixing the colors harmoniously, even dyeing some of the rags with bright colors, and send them to the weaver for a suitable sized rug. The finished rug should look like chenille when done.—Helen Watts McVey in The Commoner.

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o o o

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o o o

If Johnnie Burn would Billy Smart?

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### Willson Appoints Haswell.

Frankfort, Ky., Oct. 5.—Following the resignation as trustee of the Western Kentucky Normal School at Bowling Green of E. H. Mark of Louisville, the Governor this morning appointed John P. Haswell, of Breckenridge county, to succeed him.

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### STEPHENSPOET

Miss Julia Fella, of Addison, was the guest of Miss Henrietta Shively Sunday.

Mrs. M. D. Roberts has returned from Yelvington.

Mrs. H. Jarboe has returned from a visit to her mother near Hardinsburg.

Mrs. A. B. Cashman has returned home from Louisville.

Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Haswell and daughter, of Hardinsburg, were guests of their mother, Mrs. M. E. McCubbins Sunday.

Jamison Hawkins has returned to Danville college. This will be his last year in school.

Tea Sills left last week for New York.

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### A Family Reunion.

Last Sunday for the first time in thirteen years, all the children (seven) of Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Moorman were present and took dinner with their parents who are calmly, peacefully and most beautifully descending towards the sun-set of a long, useful, happy life. All their children are an honor to any community and all are holding responsible positions in the business and professional world, they are all Christian men, belonging to the church (Baptist) of their parents and in which they were reared. Their only daughter, Mrs. R. J. Bassett was present at the "feast of good things" and assisted by her presence and efficiency in making the event a happy one. In the afternoon most of the grand children augmented the number—23 being present in all.

May Mr. and Mrs. Moorman be spared to hold many more reunions with their beloved children and grandchildren.—Leitchfield Gazette.

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### Non-Working Judge.

"A nonpartisan judiciary implies two propositions, as I conceive it. One is that the Judges shall be nominated and elected without respect to party affiliation or party emblem upon the ballot. That is our position. The other is that a Judge of a court ought not to participate, as a politician, in the policies of his office. I agree to that proposition with all of my heart. There has not been a day since I became a candidate for Governor that I have ventured to sit in judgment upon any man's rights, nor will I so long as I am a candidate for office in Kentucky."—Judge O'Rear.

Does not Judge O'Rear believe that it is as much the duty of a Judge to work, while drawing his salary, as to keep clean of politics while deciding cases? It would seem that he does not. His policy seems to be a non-working rather than a non-partisan judiciary. —News Journal.

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Out of my grief I made a joy,  
Out of my tears a song,  
Since sorrow is so hard to bear  
And life is overlong.  
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